

EMBARRASSING FOR HER.

Who Was It That Got the Under-the-Table Hint?

A Milwaukee man and his wife recently received a call from an old friend whom they had not seen for years.

"We have only three bottles of beer in the house—just enough to go around. Don't ask him to have more."

"Very well," answered the husband, who chanced to be thinking of something else at the time.

Half an hour later the host, to his wife's consternation, asked the guest to take more beer.

"But," continued the wife, "why did you suppose I was kicking you under the table?"

"My dear," blandly replied the husband, "you didn't kick me!"

AN OBEDIENT SERVANT.



Mrs. Bleecker (upstairs)—Bridget, have you turned the gas on in the parlor, as I told you?

The New Domestic Jewel—Yes, ma'am; can't you smell it!

Have Seen It All.

An old Scotchman who was threatened with blindness consulted an oculist.

"Will you have a little stimulant?" inquired the doctor.

The old Scotchman snatched his lips in eager anticipation.

"Oh, yes, I'll take a drink of anything you have handy," was the quick rejoinder.

"Ah, that's the trouble!" exclaimed the oculist. "You'll have to stop drinking, or you'll lose your eyesight."

"A week, doctor, it doesn't much matter; I have seen everything that's worth seeing, anyway."

Sized Up.

"Yes," remarked the fat man on the rear platform, "I once refused to buy the site of Chicago for four clam shells and a quart of rum."

The tall passenger was silent.

"I could have bought the original telephone patents for eleven Mexican dollars and a brass watch," continued the fat man, "but I turned 'em down."

No response.

"You are not interested in my reminiscences, friend?"

"I am not," answered the tall man candidly. "I'm selling alfalfa stock. You don't want any."

Bonaparte's Resolve.

Napoleon entered the club-house with a frown a foot deep on his forehead, and a temper not fit for publication.

"If I ever play golf with Baron Munchausen again, may I end my days on the Island of St. Helena."

"What's the matter with Munch, Boney?" asked Caesar, looking up from his asbestos copy of the Congressional Record.

"You get nothing but bad lies all over the links," retorted the Emperor.

Draught Proof.

"Is there a Christian Scientist in the room?" asked a little man, one of the audience at a lecture.

"Yes," responded a woman, "I am a Christian Scientist."

"Well, then, madam," said the little man, "would you mind changing seats with me? I'm sitting in a draught!"

The Way to Get Rich.

"Work hard," said the bookkeeper, "and consume less than you produce, and I will provide a system of boxes to store your money in—for me."

"Work hard," said the monopolist, "and save part of your earnings, and we will provide a system of banks to keep your money safe—for us."

She Knew.

Lady (in draper's shop)—And is this color also genuine?

Assistant—As genuine as the roses on your cheeks, madam.

Lady—Hill Show me another one.

Proof.

Teacher—Your little brother was all right when he left the house with you, and yet you say he's sick and won't be in school?

The Kid—Sure! Didn't I give him the sugar w/d me own hands?

As May Seem Good.

I am all thine, do with me as may seem good in thine eyes. Show me that thou wilt have me to do. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are thy ways higher than our ways.

We are impatient, for our life is but for a moment. Thou art from everlasting, therefore is thy patience full of loop suffering.—Psalms.

Her Diary

Monday—I'm in love with Danny Duran. There's no doubt about it in my own mind, and as for Danny, the dear chap's been silly about me for ages.

Tuesday—Billy Farrington just left. It's nearly 11 o'clock and I suppose I ought to be in bed, but I must put down what he said first.

Wednesday—Such excitement. Dear Derry, the most wonderful thing has happened and I forgot Danny for two whole hours this afternoon.

Thursday—Danny was here tonight again. He had some news. It seems that a rich old uncle has left a lot of money and property to some girl and Danny is made executor of the estate.

Friday—the fourth proposal, dear Derry. Now what do you think of that? At least, if it's not a proposal, it will be one, I'm sure.

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A GLEAM OF SUNSHINE.

How the Misfortune of His Mother-in-Law Impressed Him.

A San Francisco mother-in-law went to the Orient and, coming back, was caught trying to smuggle in a lot of choice silks.

She had to pay duty and a fine. Then there was talk of a criminal action to follow.

Her son-in-law called on the customs officials. "Is it possible," he asked in a severe tone, "that after my mother-in-law has paid the duty on the stuff and her fine that you contemplate criminal action?"

"We are considering it," the customs official replied gravely. "And if my mother-in-law were to be convicted, as she probably would be, she would have to go to jail!"

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MISSOURI WILLOW FARM.

Tops as Well as Roots Used in Holding Shifting River Banks.

East Kansas City is one of the most important centers in the Missouri Valley in the business of shipping willows.

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